

# *The Library Spotlight*

## *Adelia M. Russell Library & Mamie's Place Newsletter*

318 Church Street, Alexander City, AL 35010 **Hours: 8:30-5:00 Monday-Friday; 9:00-1:00 Saturday**  
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### **From the Director:**

Hello Readers!

Back by popular demand is Mamie's Place "*Hey! I Know You!*" Storytime. This was so much fun last year that it was requested again. We are inviting you to step up and participate in one of Mamie's Place Children's Library's Storytime events beginning August 2nd and ending December 27th. Storytimes are held on Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M.

The books are pre-selected so all you have to do is sign up for a specific date. The audience learns more about your role in our community while sharing a funny and entertaining book. It's a win, win! So please call or stop by to choose a date to READ and share your story as a part of this great community.

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### **Robert's Take:** *From the Pen of Robert Bradford*

The Library is proud of recent updates and the continued restoration of the building as we highlight the original Italian Renaissance design.

The interior lobby walls have been painted Dove Gray and the trim is in white. This combination creates considerable eye-appeal. We are waiting on Window treatments to further enhance the look of the library. Also, we will hang additional artwork, some of which has not been displayed in several years. These include decor/works from the original Renaissance style when the library opened.

We are hopeful that our elevator will be refurbished in the near future to get it back in working order for our patrons. We apologize for the inconvenience and would like to remind our patrons that we are happy to assist anyone who is uncomfortable going up and down the stairs.

The Book Sale Room on the Ground Floor has also been re-modeled and re-painted. Combined with the recent parking lot resurfacing, the entire area has a fresh look.

The recent improvements are the result of detailed planning by the library staff and excellent work by the painter. We hope you will give us a visit soon as we continue to make your library look better and work better. Thank You for your patronage.

### Recently Added DVDs



### Recently Added Audiobooks



### Mamie's Place Children's Library

Summer Reading Registration began May 15th and ended June 10th. During that time, 132 kids registered for our Summer Reading "All Together Now" Program. All June programs have been successful because of support within the community. Thanks to Kim Dunn for hosting the Kids Fest Magic Show here and to Jacob's Ladder, Harbor Learning, Woody Woodpecker and Lake Martin Trailblazers for taking time to bring the kids to our events. "Working Together, tiny stars light the universe. That is the power of teamwork."

Congratulations to our June Summer Reading gift card winners: Abiel Loyo, Webster Palmer, and Heidi Daniel. You could be our next July gift card winner. The more books you check out the greater your chances of winning.

We have a great line up for July, beginning with Gene Cordova on July 11th. From there we have Science Lady on July 13th, Montgomery Zoo to Go on July 18th, Bright Star Theatre on July 19th, Science Guys on July 20th and, for the July 27th finale, we will have Bill Packard Magic Man, Kona Ice, and Ernie's Hotdogs. The Finale Festivities will begin at 10:00 A.M. and will be held at Mamie's Place Children's Library. Remember, all of these events are FREE.

Also, you do not have to be a participant in the Summer Reading program to attend these programs.

### Calvin Coolidge and the Declaration of Independence

Calvin Coolidge was the only president born on the 4th of July. He honored the Declaration's commitment to life and the liberty to pursue one's happiness, provided others' equally inalienable rights are not violated, more than any of his successors. He also produced remarkable results without sacrificing our freedoms — substantially cutting tax rates, tax rolls and federal debt, while real economic growth averaged 7%, with 0.4% inflation and 3.3% unemployment, during his presidency.

(Source: "Calvin Coolidge on the Declaration of Independence," by Gary Galles, from *mises.org* at: <https://mises.org/power-market/calvin-coolidge-declaration-independence>, July 3, 2019.)

We hope everyone has a happy and safe July 4th Holiday!



### Free Medicare Education Classes

The public is invited to Free Medicare Education Classes at Adelia M. Russell Library. The programs review the A, B, C & Ds of Medicare as well as explain costs, plan options (e.g. Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage Plans, Prescription Drug Plans), etc. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 26th at 1:00 P.M. Contact Rick Durden at 256-749-3402 if you have questions.